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ARIZONA UPLAND COTTON PRODUCTION DECREASED

Phoenix – **Arizona's** all cotton production as of November 1 is forecast at 658,000 bales, 4 percent lower than the October 1 forecast and 10 percent lower than the final 2004 production. Acres for harvest, at 243,000, are up 2,000 acres from 2004. All cotton yield, at 1,300 pounds per acre, is down 151 pounds from last year.

Arizona's 239,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 650,000 bales, down 30,000 bales from last month, and 73,000 bales less than last year. If realized, the crop will yield 1,305 pounds per acre, down 153 pounds from the previous season's record high yield. Yields are not as high as expected before harvest began.

Arizona's 4,000 acres of American-Pima cotton for harvest are expected to produce 8,000 bales, unchanged from last month, but up 2,400 bales from the 2004 production. This year's crop is expected to yield 960 pounds per acre, up 64 pounds from last year.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 23.2 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from the October forecast but slightly below last year's record high production. Yield is expected to average 813 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from last month but down 42 pounds from 2004. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record, behind last year. The

November area expected for harvest remains unchanged from last month at 13.7 million acres but is up 5 percent from 2004.

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